

WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE CHIEF OF STAFF  
WASHINGTON

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Dear Senator Hayden:

I was happy to look into the subjects mentioned in the memoranda on Fort Huachuca you brought to my office yesterday.

At present, the status of Fort Huachuca is undergoing considerable study by the interested agencies of the War Department to determine its most effective utilization. We do not now have sufficient troops to occupy all housing and other facilities available to us and the problem is to place the units in consonance with the reorganization of the military forces and the missions and responsibilities assigned to the Army Area Commanders. In addition, we must consider what facilities will be required to provide adequate training areas and billets for the National Guard and certain of the Organized Reserve units.

Present plans do not contemplate declaring Fort Huachuca surplus but envision its retention as a training installation for civilian components. However, the final decision regarding the ultimate assignment of this post has not been made, and I assure you that the excellent points you have brought to my attention will be given every consideration.

The matter of renaming this post has been previously broached to the War Department by various proponents. I am personally opposed to it and I do not believe I will be overruled by any higher authority.

Sincerely,

*Dwight D. Eisenhower*

Honorable Carl Hayden

United States Senate